

(2) has any action been taken to improve such wells and make them useful to the public;

(3) will the Director of Public Health and Panchayats be pleased to take necessary action?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—(1) The well used to get dry in the hot months of Meenam and Medam.

(2) Rock was blasted to a fairly reasonable depth but to no good. Attempts are being made to try bore holes in such wells in Chittur Taluk.

(3) Yes.

Number of murders committed and capital punishment.

40. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when capital punishment was last inflicted as punishment for murder;

(b) the number of murder cases convicted each year during a period of ten years prior and the punishment awarded in each case;

(c) in (b) whether in any case murder was also accompanied by offences like robbery and dacoity;

(d) the number of murder cases convicted each year since date in answer to (a)?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(a) In 1105.

(b) A statement is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(c) In one case in 1098 murder was accompanied by offences under sections 349 and 359, Cochin Penal Code.

(d) A statement is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—In appendix II we find that from 1106 onwards there is gradual increase in the number of murder cases. Is the Government in a position to say whether there is any special reason for that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—Government cannot find out any special reason why such cases increase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know, Sir, whether the Government has looked into the question how really the number of cases of murder is increasing from year to year?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (Commissioner of Police).—Most of the cases are committed by casuals and done more often in the heat of the moment. So that I do not think that it raises any real question for investigation.

Candidate—Jail training—sending of.

41. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (Anthikad).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they intend sending a candidate for Jail training either for the post of Jailor or Jail Superintendent;

(b) if the answer is in the positive, whether they will be pleased to invite applications for the same;

(c) how many posts are there in the Jail Department and how many of them are filled up by Thiyyas?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) There are 48 posts of which 5 posts are filled up by Thiyyas.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി (Anthikad).—ഒടുവിൽ പറഞ്ഞ അഞ്ചു പോസ്റ്റിന്റെ മാക്സിമം ശമ്പളം എത്രയാണ് എന്ന് പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ (Secretary to Government).—തീർച്ചയായിട്ടു പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know, Sir, how many posts are there in the Jail having a salary of over Rs. 100?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government).—There are two.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ (Ezhuvas North).—ഇപ്പോൾ നിന്ന് അഞ്ചുപേരെ നിയമിച്ചുവെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ൨൦ ക. യിൽ കവിഞ്ഞ ശമ്പളം ഉള്ളവരുമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ (Secretary to Government).—ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.